

Several programs exist in Vermont that are designed to mitigate mobile emissions of air pollution. These programs include the Vermont Low Emission Vehicle Program, the Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Program, the Diesel Emissions Reduction Program, and the Automotive Repair Technician Training Program.

Funding administered by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation through AERAP helps low-income Vermont motorists maintain their vehicles with the aim to protect public health and air quality while reducing transportation expenses to those facing financial challenges.

For More Info:

<https://dec.vermont.gov/air-quality/mobile-sources>

Mobile sources, primarily motor vehicles, are a significant source of several air pollutants including air toxics, the ozone precursors (volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx)), and carbon monoxide (CO) and represent the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Vermont.

To decrease transportation-related costs for those individuals who can least afford them while protecting public health and air quality for all Vermonters, the Vermont Legislature has authorized the development and implementation of the **Vermont Automotive Emissions Repair Assistance Program (AERAP)**. This program aims to provide financial assistance to low-income Vermonters for the proper diagnosis and repair of vehicles failing the emissions component (On-Board Diagnostic II, or OBD II) of the annual Vermont vehicle inspection. Repair costs covered by the Program must not exceed 50% of the fair market value of the vehicle (as determined by the National Automobile Dealers Association [NADA] Consumer Vehicles Values Tool) and are capped at a total of \$2,500 per repair.

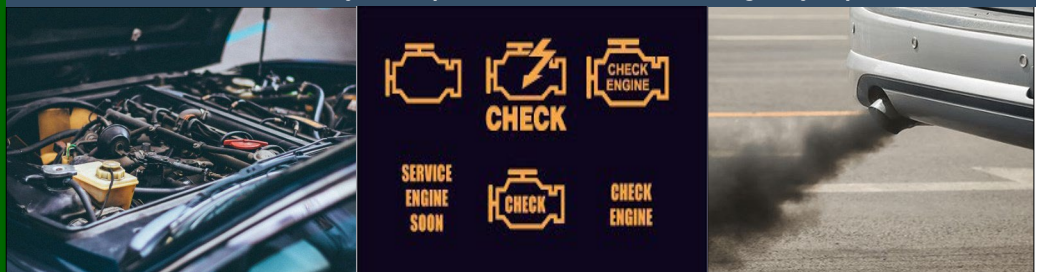
Repairs must be completed at participating repair facilities. To qualify for assistance through **AERAP** a motorist must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Gross household income must be less than or equal to 185% of the [Federal Poverty Level](#).
- The vehicle must be registered in Vermont and to the applicant.
- The vehicle must have passed the safety portion of the annual vehicle inspection but failed the OBD II portion.
- The vehicle must not fail the emissions inspection due to readiness or for having a tampered emissions control system.
- Eligible vehicle repairs must not be covered under warranty.

AERAP is currently in its pilot phase with participating repair facilities located in Bennington and in Shelburne. Motorists that have failed the OBD II portion of the Vermont vehicle inspection, meet the eligibility requirements and are willing to travel to a participating repair facility are encouraged to apply.

*Currently AERAP operations are constrained to two facilities, the State plans to expand the program as time and resources allow.

Vermont Automotive Emissions Repair Assistance vouchers can provide funding towards a variety of vehicle emissions control system repairs to motorists that meet eligibility requirements.

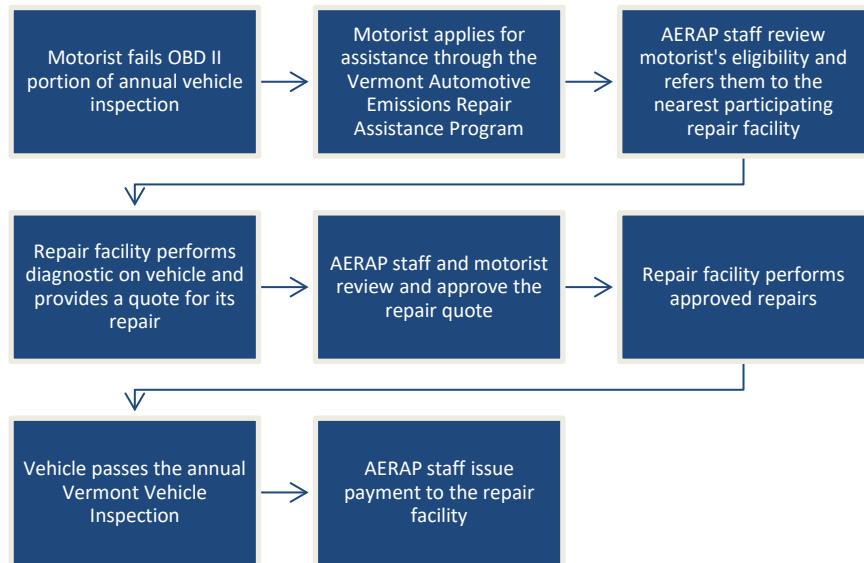


**Why Emission
Control Systems?**

Motor vehicles, while an essential mode of transportation in a rural state like Vermont, are a major source of air pollutants that are associated with a variety of public health and environmental threats. A vehicle that possesses malfunctioning emissions control systems can emit 50% more pollution than when it was originally manufactured. The offer of financial assistance enables timely repairs, before more serious and expensive problems develop.



Program Workflow



Participating Repair Facilities

- **All Service Citgo**
212 Lincoln Street
Bennington, VT 05201
[phone] 802-447-8918
- **VIP Tires & Service**
3303 Shelburne Road
Shelburne, VT 05482
[phone] 802-985-0252

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